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TO : Chief, Contact Division

DATE: 24 August 1960

FROM : Chief, Philadelphia Office

SUBJECT: Case 32254 - Employment Assistance for Fred Launags
(Use Phila. #12728 for OO-A/S)

ATTN: Alien Branch [] []

REF : Phila. Memo of 15 July 1960, same subject

1. In late July 1960 [] of this office talked with Fred Launags and learned he was now working on a day shift at the Hamilton Watch Company. He was pleased to have employment but was not overly enthusiastic about his job. For some strange reason he feels his English is inadequate, but he was assured it was much better than others we knew. [] encouraged him to write and report his progress from time to time which he has recently done. We are enclosing copy of his letter of 14 August 1960.

2. [] expects to be in Lancaster shortly and will contact Hamilton Watch Company and check on Launags progress. We will report to you after getting their comments.

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Encs: Copy of letter from Fred Launags to [] []

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Dear []

Since you told me to drop a line to you I feel obliged to do so, although I don't know what should I tell you. I am sure you know quite well all about me and my new job. The work I am doing is rather strange to me and I'm afraid that my progress might be too slow. It would be wrong to assert that I like the job and the place of work already at this stage. Nevertheless, it is much better than to sit at home and fight with my family as well as with my black thoughts.

As I already mentioned by telephone, I have to express my gratitude for the financial support I received from you concerning my studies at the summer school in Millersville. Certainly I would have preferred to continue these studies, but it was also painfully clear to me that my English is still too poor for successful studies.

As you might well imagine, my greatest difficulty just now is: to get along with the other people in the factory. I still feel like an outsider there and it makes me too self-conscious.

As to the bunch of the old letters you left here I did not find among them those I wanted most, i.e. letters by my parents and my deceased sister. Probably I would have to write about it to []

Besides, at times I have the impression that you made more far-reaching arrangements at the Hamilton Watch Company than I could ever imagine, but it might turn out to be quite healthy in my case. Let's wait and see.

Respectfully yours,

Fred J. Launags.

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